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Mr. D. S. Frazer
Plant Manager
Monsanto Polymer Products Company
Nitro, WV 25143

Dear Mr. Frazer:

On February 7, 1985, Mr. Francis Kearney, Director of Environmental Operations for Monsanto, submitted an intended work schedule for various activities associated with the presence and disposal of 2,3,7,8 - TCDD at Monsanto's Nitro, West Virginia, facility. Mr. Kearney also stated that Monsanto had "no intent to avoid signing Consent Agreements on these sites and are committed to meeting our responsibilities regarding these sites." We appreciate Monsanto's attitude in these matters.

As you are no doubt aware, Dr. Walter Lee of my staff and Mr. Miller and Mr. Galloway of your staff have spent a considerable amount of time working out the details of various agreements between Monsanto and EPA. All of these agreements presume the existence of an approved plan of work for various projects. I am, therefore, formally approving the following work plans submitted by Monsanto:

1. TCDD Remedial Work at Nitro Plant, submitted October 1, 1984, as revised November 28, 1984.
2. Work Plan for Feasibility Study of Nitro Dump Site, submitted on February 19, 1985.
3. Work Plan for Feasibility Study of Manila Creek Disposal Site, submitted on February 19, 1985.
4. Work Plan for Remedial Investigation of Monsanto Landfill, submitted on February 19, 1985.

CONCURRENCES							
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I am also approving the schedule for these four projects as stated in Mr. Kearney's letter of February 7, 1985.

Should you have any questions regarding these matters, please feel free to direct them to Dr. Walter F. Lee at (215) 597-6623.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Wasseraug, Director
Hazardous Waste Management Division